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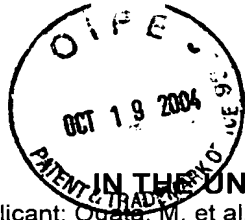
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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Species I: Figs 11A and 11B; Species II: Fig. 15 (We believe the reference to Fig. 16 to be a typographical error and that Species II should be directed to Fig. 15.); Species III: Fig. 18 and Species IV: Fig. 21. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 and 16 are generic claims of Species I through IV.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species III: Fig. 18 for further examination and designate Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 as reading on this species.

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